

Ken Skates AM
Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure

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Dear Ken

Rail timeline

In developing our forward work programme the Assembly's Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee intends to undertake an inquiry into the Welsh Government's plans for the next Wales and Borders Rail Franchise and the Metro.

To help us plan our work on this topic I would be very grateful if you could write to me setting out the timeline for procurement and delivery of both the franchise and Metro highlighting key milestones, particularly plans for public consultation, and an outline of your planned approach to delivery. This will allow us to identify the best time to undertake the work and ensure it is a constructive addition to public debate.

In particular, I note from your 12 July statement that you plan to hold a public consultation on "a clear set of proposals" early in 2017. I would be grateful if you could provide further details on this consultation, particularly the subject matter the consultation, the timeframe and the scope to make changes to your plans in the light of consultation.



I look forward to receiving your response

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell George". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'R' and a horizontal line underneath the name.

Russell George AM

Chair, Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

